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# SONIC-GRAMS



**OFF PANEL**

**by Gallagher & Manak**

## THIS JUST IN!

No, this is not an illusion or some kind of weird printing error. What you see here is SONIC-GRAMS and, yes, it is meant to be on page one. We were having so much fun with this backwards issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG that we just went a little teeny-weeny overboard with the idea. Now everything's backwards. Why did we do this? Hey, if a popular sitcom can do it, why not us? We told you on the cover that it was going to be the strangest issue you would ever read. The end does begin now. Usually we end an issue with the letters pages (including name page, fan art, etc.), so for this issue—and this issue only—we will start off with them. What is normally the backup story follows and is immediately trailed by the main feature (which is itself a backwards story). So sit down, relax and enjoy a very special issue!

**Catch you on the flip side!**

**J.F. GABRIE**  
EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

P.S.: Next month's issue contains the full and undisclosed life-story of Doctor Robotnik from an unexpected point-of-view. "I, Robotnik!" is written by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund! Also in this issue: Part One of "Tales of the Great War!" 'Nuff said. By Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72 on sale late April 1999! Don't miss it!

P.P.S.: Special thanks to intern Yuko Ashida for her help this issue!

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Re: Sonic The Hedgehog #64-#66  
(the Ixis Naugus Trilogy):

Dear Sonic and Tails,

Wow! No way! It couldn't get this good! I'm about to explode on how good SONIC #64 was! I can't wait to get the next two parts of the Ixis Naugus series. Now onto the questions: 1) How many chaos emeralds are there on Mobius and The Floating Island? 2) In The MECHA MADNESS Special, you and Knuckles got unroboticized so why don't you do that to the rest of the Robians?

Eric Treadway  
Lakewood, CA

1) All the emeralds are fused into one which is known as The Master Emerald that holds The Floating Island afloat. 2) Throughout the years, the Robians have gained numerous attachments and no one knows what dangers could occur if they were derobotized.

Dear Sonic Grams,

I would like to say that you guys KICK TAILS (no offense, Mr Prower)!!! I try to read your comics every month. The last one I got (SONIC #65) was most excellent. I am now searching for #66. Issue #65 was great, and it does explain a lot of things that were making me think... and I've stopped having those darned headaches. Now on to that Amy Rose and Dulcy story: That was very mysterious. Who was that guy in the shadows? I guess I'll have to keep reading and find out! Excellent comic, you guys! Keep up the great work!

Dusty The Hedgehog (Dusty Scott)  
SonicHogg@aol.com

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Dear Sonic,

Hi. I'm here to protest the reputation that Overlanders are getting in your comic book. So far, every Overlander encountered has been evil: Ivo Robotnik, Snively, The Iron Queen, and all the unknown Overlanders who fought in the war. I'm very tired of the bad rap that the Overlanders are getting. I would appreciate it if you feature an Overlander who acts as an ally to Sonic & Tails in your comic book. I also have a few questions I would like to have answered: 1) What kind of animal is Ixis Naugus (I think he's a crossbreed, but I'm not sure)? 2) Are Overlanders a native race of Mobius, or did they plant colonies? 3) How did Robotnik get his robotic arm? 4) What race is Kodos anyway?

Spiff123@aol.com

First off, The Iron Queen is not an Overlander, she's a Badger. Second, let me introduce you to Nate Morgan... Answer time: 1) Ixis' origin was seen in Sonic #66. 2) Overlanders are a native race of Mobius. 3) Immediately after his coup, his arm was accidentally roboticized. 4) Kodos is a lion.

Dear Sonic,

What a blast! I loved #66. I've been waiting for this to happen since SONIC #57. Though I felt bad for Nate Morgan when the gigantic rocks fell all over Eddy, the abominable Snow-Bot. Don't you ever get tired of what you've been through?

Omar Vargas (age 11)  
Rochester, NY

Even Sonic gets a little winded from the events he experiences (as witnessed in last month's back-up feature) but he's a hero and, like most heroes, he'll quickly bounce back.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got Sonic #65 today. On pages 8-14, I learned a lot about Mobian history. The entire story was cool, too. By the way, I can't wait for next issue.

Mark Ziemer  
Roswell, GA

Dear King Acorn, your Majesty:

I know what happened to Queen Alicia! Based on clues in KNUCKLES #17 and SONIC #64, my theory is this: The crippled craft crashed on the Floating Island, killing everyone aboard... except the Queen and the "boy." Then the Guardians discovered them and are trying to keep them alive to this day. I really do hope I'm correct.

Matt Rupp  
ruppdr1@worldnet.att.net

You are.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

**KEEP ON JUICIN'!**

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

In one week: They're back! SONIC KIDS!!! Presenting stories from The Freedom Fighters' formative years. All stories written by Michael Gallagher. They include: 1) Sonic and crew's first zone experience!; 2) We finally see how Princess Sally and Knuckles met (first shown in Sonic #44)!; And 3) The day Tails was born! 'Nuff said. Look for it! SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 to be on sale late March 1999!



In two weeks: The cover says it all: Knuckles comes face to face with his father. This is something we've wanted to see happen since issue #1... and now it's finally here. "Childhood's End" is written by Ken Penders with art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #25 on sale early April 1999!



# FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Due to the overwhelming amount of mail that is received, it is impossible to print it all so we created the "Find Your Name In Print" page so that you know we received your letter or fan art: This month they are:

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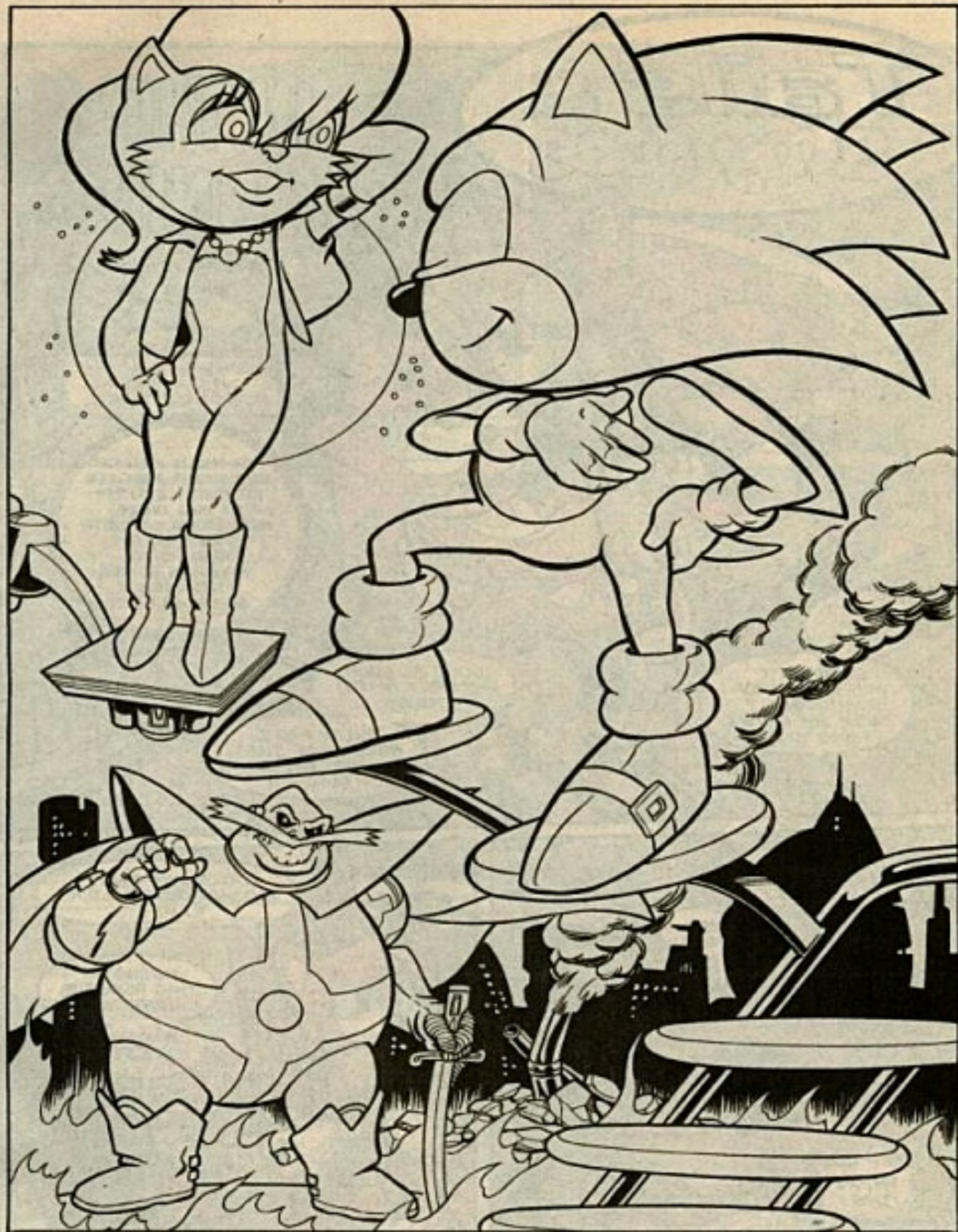
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I DON'T KNOW, AMY!

FLYING INTO THIS SECTION OF TOWN DOESN'T SEEM THE SMART THING TO ME!

DON'T BE SUCH A WORRY WART, TAILS!

DULCY AND I WERE HERE JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO--

\*Back in SONIC #65-Justin

--AND EVERYTHING WAS REAL KEWL!

SPEAKING OF KEWL--

THERE IT IS!

THERE'S THE LIBRARY!

LOOKS LIKE JUST ANOTHER OLD BUILDING TO ME!

NO! NO! THIS PLACE IS AWESOME!

WAIT'LL YOU SEE!

















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"THE *STATUS QUO* REMAINED FOR GENERATIONS UNTIL A VISIONARY NAMED ALEXANDER TOOK NOTICE OF THE EFFORTS OF ANOTHER CULTURE..."



"DECIDING THAT EVERYONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE POOLING KNOWLEDGE, HE SET ABOUT RECRUITING OTHERS WHO SHARED IN HIS DREAM..."

"AS HE WORKED TO TURN HIS IDEAS INTO REALITY, HE MET RESISTANCE FROM TWO OPPOSING FACTIONS..."



"THE ECHIDNAS WERE SYMPATHETIC, BUT THEY BELIEVED THE KNOWLEDGE THEY PROVIDED MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD."



"AS FOR THE OVERLANDERS, THEIR AGGRESSIVE WAYS PROVED TOO HOSTILE TO RISK INCORPORATING INTO ALEXANDER'S NEW SOCIETY--"





"EVENTUALLY, GROUND WAS BROKEN,  
AND IDEAS WERE GIVEN FORM  
AND SUBSTANCE--"



"--AS EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED  
THE CAUSE CONTRIBUTED TO  
TRANSFORMING WORDS INTO REALITY..."



"THIS WAS BORN  
MOBOTROPOLIS,  
THE FIRST MULTI-  
CULTURAL SOCIETY  
ON THE FACE OF  
MOBIUS!"

"ALEXANDER HAD BY NOW  
PROVEN HIMSELF A THOUGHTFUL  
AND BENEVOLENT LEADER, AND  
THUS ACCEPTED AS KING AMONG  
HIS PEOPLE!"



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE GENERAL  
SENSE OF PEACE AND HAPPI-  
NESS THAT PREVAILED WOULD  
NOT LAST LONG..."

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**K**NOTHOLE  
VILLAGE...

...THIS VERY  
SECOND.

NOW, LET'S GET THIS  
STRAIGHT, SONIC-- YOU USED  
NATE MORGAN'S *SUPER*  
EMERALD TO PREVENT THAT  
WEIRD TIME-BEAM FROM  
DESTROYING MOBIUS...

...BUT I STILL DON'T  
UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR AP-  
PEARANCE CHANGED! I MEAN  
...YOUR EYES HAVE TURNED  
GREEN, YOUR SHOES NOW HAVE  
BUCKLES, AND...

LOOKS LIKE I'M  
GONNA HAVE TO RUN  
THROUGH THIS ONE  
MORE TIME FOR YA,  
SAL...





TWENTY MINUTES  
EARLIER...

...WHERE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY, AN  
IMPENETRABLE BLANKET OF ENERGY THAT HAD  
ENGULFED THE ENTIRE AREA SUDDENLY...

...VANISHES!

AND, AT THE SAME  
TIME IN THE CITY OF  
MOBOTROPOLIS...

SONIC'S  
DONE IT!

MY  
THEORY WAS  
CORRECT--

--THE SUPER EMERALD HEIGHTENED  
HIS SPEED ENOUGH SO HE WAS ABLE  
TO ATTRACT THE BEAM AWAY FROM  
KNOTHOLE...

...BY FUTZING AROUND WITH TIME  
ITSELF! HE'S SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD  
FROM IMPENDING DOOM

"...AND NOW, KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE IS NO LONGER  
THREE HOURS AHEAD  
IN TIME!"

GOSH--  
EVERYONE ALL  
RIGHT?

SURE...  
FEEL...  
WOOTZ...

BUT WAIT! NOW I  
REMEMBER! WOZZI-  
NESS IS A GOOD  
THING! IT MEANS WE'RE  
STILL AROUND TO  
FEEL ANYTHING  
AT ALL WHICH MEANS  
SONIC WAS  
SUCCESSFUL...

"...BUT WHAT  
ON MOBIUS  
HAPPENED  
TO HIM?"



FORTY MINUTES  
EARLIER...

GO,  
SONIC--  
GO!

YOU CAN DO  
IT, SUGAR-HOG!

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING  
I'VE TOLD YOU,  
YOUNGSTER?

YOU BET, NATE--IT'S  
UP TO ME AND THIS SUPER-  
EMERALD STRAPPED TO MY  
BACK TO GET THE JOB  
DONE...

...OTHERWISE MOM,  
DAD, SALLY AND JUST ABOUT  
EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE  
ARE GONNA BE COMPLETE  
GONERS...

...WITH THE REST  
OF MOBIUS FOLLOWIN'  
SOON AFTER!

NOW,  
IT'S UP TO MY  
SPEED...

...AND  
NATE MORGAN'S  
TRUMP  
CARD...



...TO SAVE THE  
ENTIRE PLANET!

SONIC RACES AWAY FROM HIS  
HOME IN THE CITY OF  
MOBOTROPOLIS-- FASTER  
THAN EVEN HE HAD DREAMT  
POSSIBLE!

THE SUPER EMERALD, ITS WILD  
ENERGIES ONCE MORE TAPPED,  
USES THE YOUNG SPEEDSTER AS A  
FOCUS FOR ITS GREAT POWER, AND  
AS THIS HAPPENS, AN AWESOME  
TRANSFORMATION OCCURS!

WHOA!  
I'M, LIKE, CHANGIN'  
--BECOMIN'--

**SUPER-  
SONIC!**

ACROSS MOBIUS'  
EARTH-LIKE SURFACE  
THE BRIGHT YELLOW  
BLUR ACCELERATES  
EVEN FASTER--

--DISTURBING THE  
TRANQUILITY OF  
DEERWOOD FOREST--

--BEFORE UNDERGOING  
ANOTHER WONDROUS  
CHANGE, THIS TIME  
ASSUMING THE FORM OF  
THE BEING KNOWN ONLY AS...

**ULTRA-  
SONIC!**

IF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SIMPLE  
VILLAGE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF  
MOUNT STORMTOP COULD SEE  
THE TRANSFORMED FIGURE ZOOMING  
PAST--

--THEY WOULD SPOT THEIR ALLY FROM  
WEEKS AGO.\* BUT SO SWIFT IS ULTRA-  
SONIC'S MOVEMENT THAT HE GOES BY  
UNRECOGNIZED, THE SUPER-EMERALD  
CONTINUING TO ALTER HIS PHYSICAL  
STRUCTURE--

\* Read SONIC  
#60-JFG

-- SO THAT UPON REACHING  
THE SUPER-HEATED STRETCH  
OF SAND THAT MAKES UP THE  
GREAT DESERT, OUR HERO  
TRANSFORMS INTO A PREVIOUSLY  
UNSEEN VERSION OF HIMSELF--

**SOLAR-  
SONIC!**



AND THIS NEW INCARNATION  
GIVES WAY TO OTHERS  
DEPENDING UPON SONIC'S GEO-  
GRAPHIC LOCATION ON THE  
PLANET.

POLAR-SONIC EASILY SPRINTS  
AND SKATES ACROSS THE IGY  
LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUTHERN  
TUNDRA--

--WHILE ECO-SONIC  
MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH  
THE LEAFY TERRAIN OF  
THE GREAT RAINFOREST.

FASTER AND FASTER SONIC  
SPOOLS AROUND MOBIUS'  
GLOBAL CURVE IN A  
REPEATED PATTERN--

--RACING ALONG WITH THE  
PLANET'S ROTATION, HIS INNATE  
SPEED COUPLED WITH THE FORCES  
OF THE SUPER-EMERALD CAUSES  
TIME ITSELF TO MOVE FORWARD  
AT A FAR GREATER RATE-- AS NATE  
MORGAN PREDICTED!



"...BUT WHERE IS  
IT GOING?!"

MEANWHILE, BACK AT  
MOBOTROPOLIS'  
CASTLE ACORN...

WHAT IS IT,  
ELIAS?

FATHER--LOOK!

THE TIME-BEAM IS  
MOVING AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE VALLEY...

THE TIME-BEAM--I GOT IT  
TO FOLLOW ME AND NOW IT'S HOT ON  
MY TRAIL! I'VE GOTTA DO EXACTLY  
LIKE NATE SAID AND--







THIRTY MINUTES  
EARLIER...

IT APPEARED A  
SHORT WHILE AGO--  
SOME SORT OF MYSTER-  
IOUS ENERGY-BEAM  
FROM ON HIGH!

IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
TOLD KING MAX AND ME IS TRUE,  
SONIC, IT COULD BE THE CAUSE  
OF TIME FLOWING BACKWARDS  
IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

I SUSPECT THAT  
THE BEAM TARGETED KNOT-  
HOLE BECAUSE OF ITS  
UNIQUE NATURE--THE  
ENTIRE LOCATION IS  
THREE HOURS AHEAD IN  
TIME, NO?

SOMEHOW, THE ENERGY-BEAM IS  
FORCING KNOTHOLE TO RESUME ITS  
PROPER PLACE WITHIN THE TIME-  
STREAM. IF THE BEAM IS STILL  
DIRECTED AT THE AREA ONCE ITS  
REALIGNED, HOWEVER...

...TIME ON MOBIUS WILL START  
TO MOVE BACKWARD AND FORWARD  
SIMULTANEOUSLY...

"...DESTROYING NOT ONLY  
THE FABRIC OF TIME, BUT  
THE ENTIRE PLANET AS  
WELL!"

SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA  
DO, NATE? THIS IS WITH-  
OUT A DOUBT, THE  
REAL DEAL!

WE MUST DRAW THIS  
'TIME-BEAM' AWAY FROM  
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY  
AT THE PRECISE MOMENT  
OF REALIGNMENT...

...BY PROVIDING  
WITH A MORE SUITABLE  
TARGET!

HOW CAN WE  
POSSIBLY CAUSE  
THAT DESIRED EFFECT,  
OLD FRIEND?

QUICKLY--  
FOLLOW ME!

BEHOLD ONE OF  
THE FEW SUPER  
EMERALDS LEFT ON  
THE GLOBE,  
NOW... IT'S OUR  
ONLY HOPE.



TEN  
MINUTES  
EARLIER...

W-WE M-M-MADE IT,  
S-SAL! WE B-B-BROKE  
THROUGH THE B-B-BARRIER!  
NOW WE CAN--

SAL?

WHERE'D  
YA GO?

IT DIDN'T WORK--  
SURE I USED MY SUPER-  
SPEED TO ESCAPE KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE AND THE TROUBLE  
THAT'S GOING ON THERE...

MAYBE IF I  
HEAD BACK INSIDE,  
I CAN--

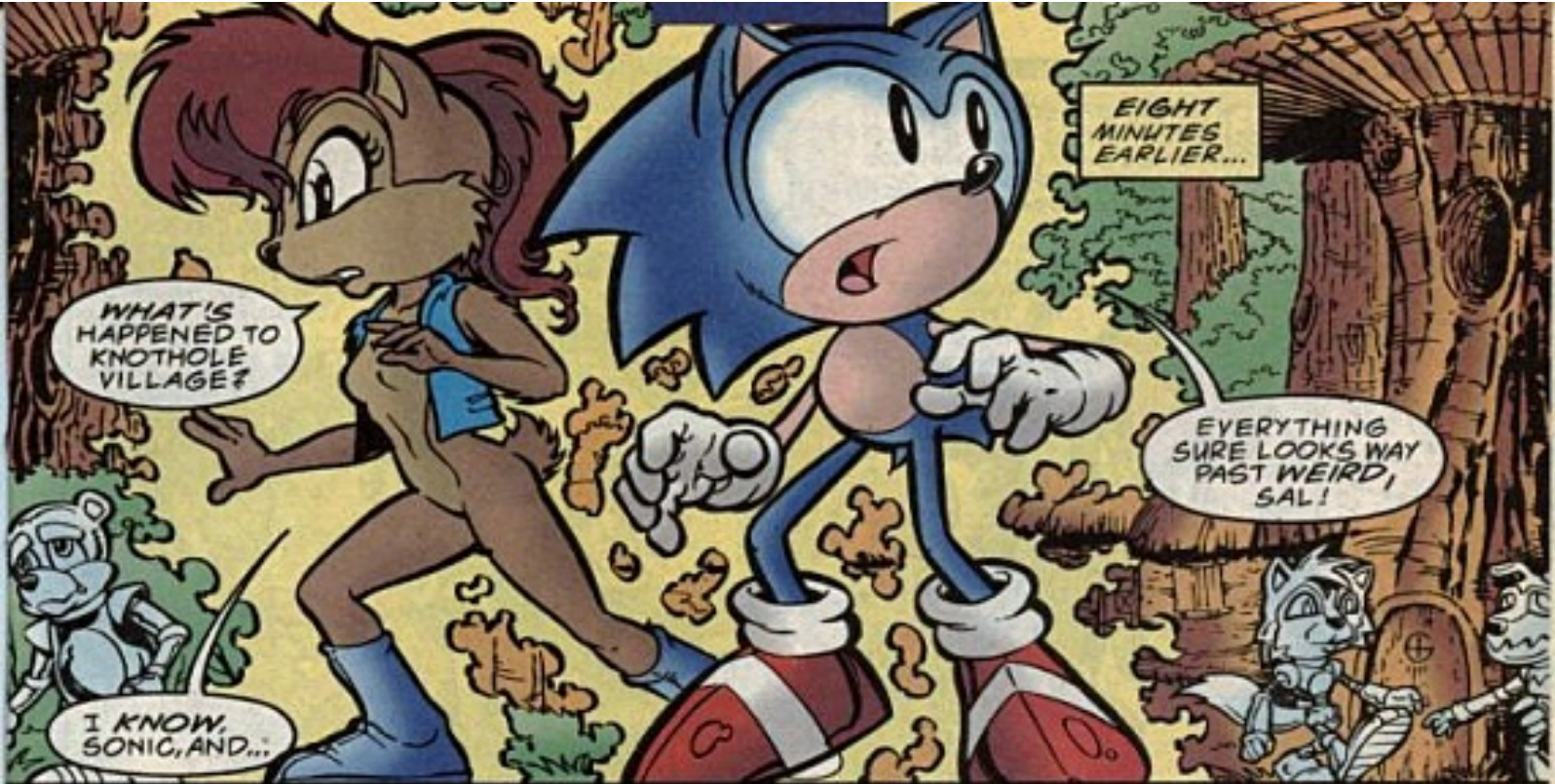
--SCRATCH THAT  
IDEA FER SURE! THE  
ENERGY THAT'S COMIN'  
OUTTA THE GREAT OAK  
SLIDE-- THE WAY TO  
KNOTHOLE-- IS THREE  
TIMES AS BRIGHT AS  
WHEN WE TRAVELED  
THROUGH IT  
EARLIER!

...BUT PRINCESS  
SALLY WAS SOME-  
HOW LEFT BEHIND!  
WHAT DO I DO?

I WON'T DO  
SALLY (OR ANYBODY)  
MUCH GOOD IF I'M  
BLINDED BY ITS  
LIGHT!

TIME  
TO GET SOME  
HELP!







AND WHAT'S  
WITH THIS  
STRANGE  
GLOW  
AROUND  
US?

OH MY GOSH, SONIC--DON'T  
YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?!  
YOUR UNCLE WALKED AWAY  
BUT HE WASN'T REALLY DOING  
IT BACKWARDS...

...THE LEAVES  
AREN'T REALLY FALLING  
'UP' AND REATTACHING  
TO THE BRANCHES  
ABOVE US...

...AND YOUR  
PARENTS AREN'T  
SPEAKING IN  
ANOTHER  
LANGUAGE!

YOU'RE RIGHT,  
SAL--THEY'RE  
TALKIN' TO EACH  
OTHER BACKWARDS!  
IF I DIDN'T KNOW  
ANY BETTER, I'D SAY  
THAT EVERYTHIN'  
WAS MOVIN' IN  
REVERSE AROUND  
HERE!

YOU DO KNOW BETTER,  
SONIC, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER  
--TIME IN THIS LOCATION  
IS SOMEHOW FLOWING  
BACKWARDS...

...WHICH ISN'T SO BAD CONSIDERING  
THAT KNOTHOLE WAS SHOVED THREE HOURS  
FORWARD IN TIME AS A RESULT OF DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!\*

BUT WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN AFTER EVERYTHING'S  
MOVED BACK PAST THE THREE  
HOUR MARK?

\*Read SONIC  
SUPER SPECIAL  
#6.-JFG

THERE'S NO  
TELLING--WE'VE GOT TO  
DO SOMETHING!

THIS GLOW AROUND  
US KEEPS US FROM INTER-  
ACTING WITH ANYTHING  
HERE, SO THE ONLY WAY  
TO FIX WHATEVER HAS  
CAUSED THIS TROUBLE  
IS TO GET BACK OUTSIDE  
OF KNOTHOLE!





OH GREAT! THE GREAT OAK SLIDE IS PART OF PAST NOW, TOO! THAT MEANS WE CAN'T TOUCH IT AT ALL!

WE'RE TRAPPED, SONIC!



THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY...THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY...THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY...



GOT IT!



I READ THIS IN A COMIC BOOK WHEN I WAS LITTLE, SO IT SHOULD WORK!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME -- RIGHT?

JUST PAY ATTENTION!

IF I USE MY SUPER SPEED TO VIBRATE THE MOLECULES IN OUR BODIES, WE COULD MAYBE PASS THROUGH THIS BARRIER AND GET OUTTA HERE!



SO HOLD TIGHT, SAL...

...CAUSE HERE GOES EVERYTHING!



TEN MINUTES  
EARLIER...

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THIS, SONIC--THE  
GREAT OAK SLIDE  
WE NORMALLY  
USE TO ENTER  
KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE--

I KNOW, SAL--IT'S TURNED  
INTO A TUNNEL O' BLINDIN' WHITE  
LIGHT! AND, MAN THIS IS A WILDER  
RIDE THAN EVEN I'M USED TO!

THIS TUNNEL  
DOESN'T SEEM TO  
END, EITHER!

IT MAY HAVE  
SOME CONNECTION  
WITH THAT INCREDIBLE  
BURST OF LIGHT WE  
SAW EARLIER, BUT  
I'M STILL--

SONIC--I'M BEING  
PULLED AWAY FROM YOU!  
I CAN'T SLOW MYSELF  
DOWN!

HANG  
ON, SAL!  
HANG  
ON!!

COME...  
ON... GOTTA...  
REACH...

...JUST  
A LITTLE...  
BIT...

...CLOSER!

GOTCHA!

I GET THE FEELING WE  
SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SOME  
HELP BEFORE TRYING THIS...



SEVEN  
MINUTES  
EARLIER...

GOSH, SONIC! I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THAT YOU DISOBEYED  
MY FATHER AND WENT TO WEST  
ROBOTROPOLIS!

EVEN THOUGH THAT  
THIEF KODOS STOLE  
"WINGED VICTORY"\*\*\*  
AND IT LOOKS LIKE  
SNIVELY BIT THE  
DUST...

... I'D DO IT  
ALL OVER AGAIN  
TO SAVE NATE'S  
LIFE, SAL!

I BELIEVE IT! DON'T  
WORRY-- I'VE SEEN DADDY  
ANGRY AND THAT CER-  
TAINLY WASN'T IT. IN HIS  
OWN WAY, HE'S PROBABLY  
PROUD OF WHAT YOU AND  
MY BROTHER DID, YET  
DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO  
SHOW IT.

EITHER THAT... OR  
HE'S REALLY MIFFED  
BUT TOO HAPPY TO  
STAY THAT WAY FOR  
LONG.

\* Read last ish.  
\*\* Sonic's bi-plane- JFG

DOCTOR QUACK TOLD  
US THAT HER CONDITION HAS  
STABILIZED. NOW HE AND HIS  
MEDICAL TEAM ARE TRYING  
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH HER.

I GUESS HIS  
SPIRITS ARE UP  
SINCE YOUR MOM  
AND BRO CAME  
HOME AFTER  
BEIN' LOST ALL  
THOSE YEARS. HOW  
IS YOUR MOM, SAL?  
IS QUEEN  
ALICIA...?

UNTIL THEN WE CAN  
ONLY HOPE FOR THE  
BEST.

WHAT ABOUT  
YOUR PARENTS,  
SONIC? THEY  
SEEMED REALLY  
WORRIED ABOUT  
YOU. YOU'VE BEEN  
AWAY FOR SO  
MANY WEEKS AND  
ON YOUR SECOND  
NIGHT BACK  
IN TOWN--

I JUST UP AND  
LEAVE ALL NIGHT  
WITHOUT TELLIN'  
'EM!

LIKE, WOW-- YOU  
ARE SO RIGHT, SAL!  
I GUESS I JUST  
DIDN'T THINK!

I STILL HAVEN'T  
GOT THIS PARENT  
THING FIGURED OUT  
YET, BUT I PROMISE  
I'LL MAKE LAST  
NIGHT UP TO 'EM NO  
MATTER WHAT  
HAPPENS NEXT!

SONIC--WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?!

I DUNNO, SAL,  
BUT THAT WEIRD  
LIGHT'S  
COMIN' OUTTA  
THE ENTRANCE-  
WAY TO KNOT-  
HOLE VILLAGE!  
LET'S CHECK  
IT OUT!



FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER...

NATE--  
YOU'RE SAFE, MY  
OLD FRIEND!

OF COURSE, MAX--IT'LL  
TAKE MORE THAN A FEW KID-  
NAPPERS TO GET THE  
BETTER OF ME!

ELIAS, SOMEBODY'S GOTTA  
SAY IT--AS FAR AS RESCUING ROYAL  
ADVISORS TO THE KINGDOM OF  
ACORN GOES, THE JOB WE DID WAS  
WAY PAST COOL!

NO  
ARGUMENT  
HERE,  
SONIC!

Oh, BUT THERE IS  
ARGUMENT HERE, MY SON!  
ELIAS-- YOU ARE THE CROWNED  
PRINCE AND, THEREFORE,  
SHOULD NOT BE SNEAKING  
OFF ON DANGEROUS  
MISSIONS ASSIGNED  
ESPECIALLY TO MY SECRET  
SERVICE AGENTS!

BUT,  
FATHER--

NO "BUTS!" AFTER MANY  
LONG YEARS OF SEPARATION,  
OUR FAMILY IS TOGETHER ONCE  
AGAIN-- I WON'T LET ANYTHING  
JEOPARDIZE THAT.

KING MAX-- SIR--IN ELIAS'  
DEFENSE, I'VE GOTTA SAY THAT  
IF NOT FOR HIS CLEAR-HEADED  
REASONIN', THE WHOLE MISSION  
MIGHTA BEEN A TOTAL BUST!

AND WHY WOULD  
THAT HAVE  
HAPPENED, SONIC?  
COULD IT POSSIBLY  
BE BECAUSE YOU  
INVITED YOURSELF  
ALONG AFTER I TOLD  
YOU NOT TO PARTAKE  
IN THE RECAPTURE  
OF SNIVELY AND  
HIS RENEGADES?

WELL, YOU  
DIDN'T USE THOSE  
EXACT WORDS...

SONIC-- THERE YOU ARE!  
YOUR PARENTS CALLED ALL NIGHT  
ASKING WHERE YOU WERE.

SALLY-- PERHAPS YOU  
COULD TAKE SOME TIME OUT  
OF YOUR DUTIES AS PRINCESS  
TO ESCORT SONIC HOME TO  
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

OF  
COURSE,  
DADDY!



FIFTY-NINE  
MINUTES EARLIER...

Q-SAT UNIT  
BACK ON-LINE --

--AND DETECTING  
TEMPORAL  
DISTORTION ON  
SURFACE OF PLANET  
MOBIUS BELOW.

"Relating to time - JFC"

NOW  
COMMENCING  
SYSTEM LOCATION  
OF TARGET.

VRRRT

VRRRT

TARGET  
ACQUIRED --  
SYSTEM  
LOCKED --AND  
BEGINNING  
ACTIVATION --



THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

--NOW!







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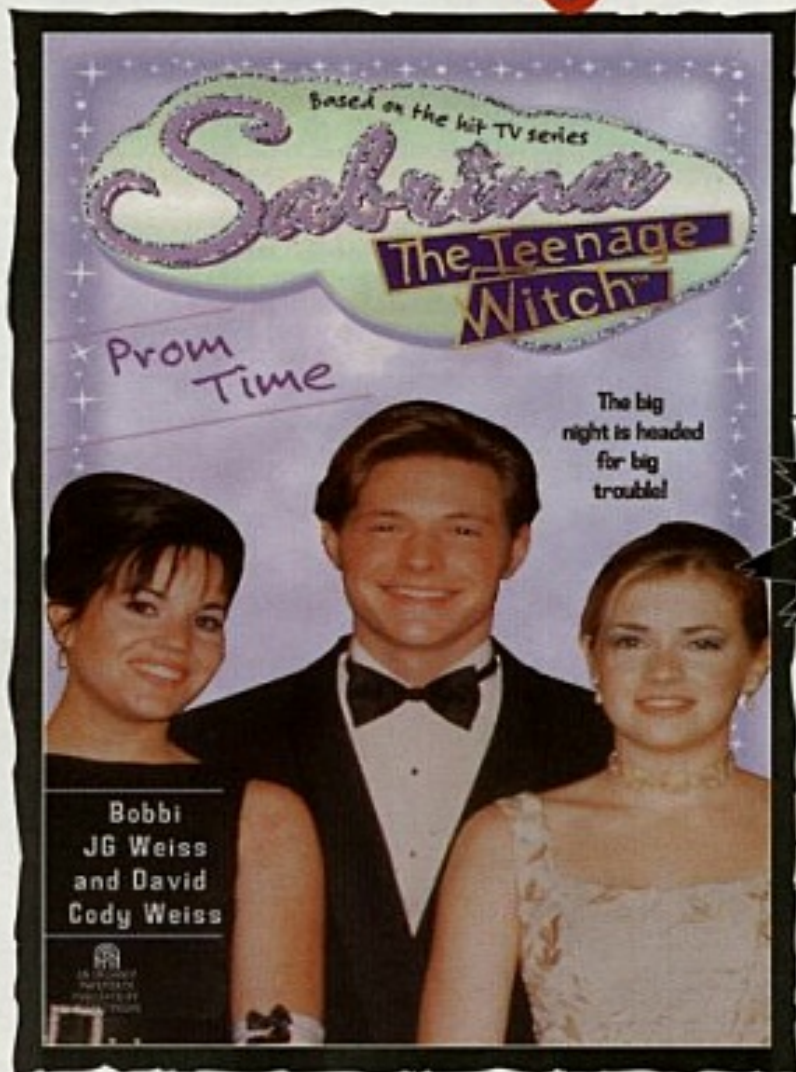
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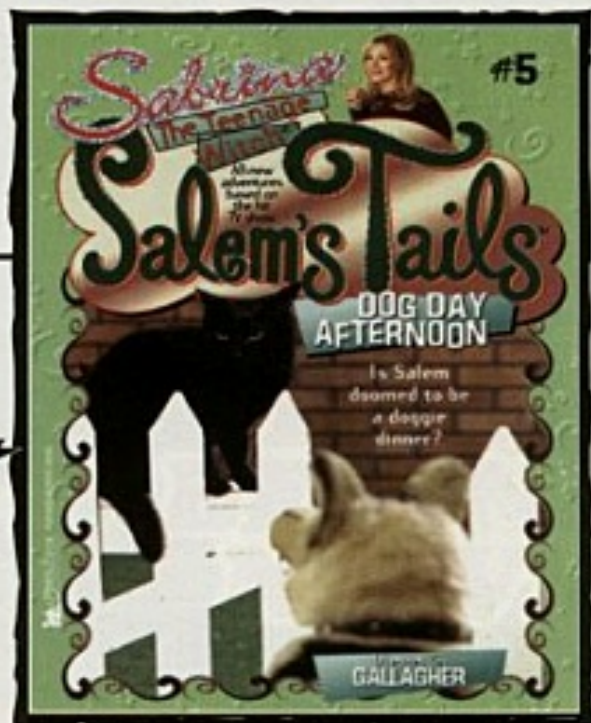
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